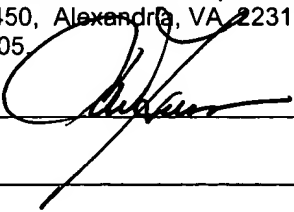
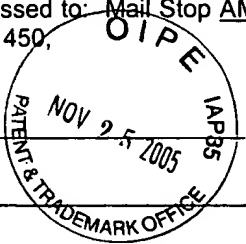


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir/Madam:

Applicants respond to the outstanding Office action mailed on July 19, 2005 as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.